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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:** 

1, (canceled).

2. (withdrawn): A liquid chromatography apparatus comprising:

a fractionation flow path for guiding a sample injected through a sample injection

portion, to a one-dimensional analysis column by a mobile phase for one-dimensional analysis to

effect separation thereof, and for fractionating a separated component with an eluent and keeping

the component and eluent in a preparative portion;

a trap flow path for feeding the component and eluent kept in the preparative portion, to a

trap column by a diluent, and for making the component trapped and concentrated in the trap

column, wherein the trap column comprises a plurality of trap columns;

an analysis flow path for guiding the component trapped in the trap column, to a two-

dimensional analysis column by a mobile phase for two-dimensional analysis, and for analyzing

the component; and

a path switching mechanism for simultaneously performing a trapping-concentration

operation in one trap column of the trap flow path, and a two-dimensional analysis of a

component from another trap column.

3. (currently amended): A liquid chromatography apparatus comprising:

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a one-dimensional analysis column for separating a sample into a plurality of components;

a preparative portion for fractionating the components separated by the one-dimensional analysis column, component by component, and for keeping the fractionated component;

a plurality of trap columns for trapping a component supplied from the preparative portion;

a two-dimensional analysis column for further separating a component trapped in the trap column, into a plurality of components; and

a path switching mechanism for implementing switching between:

a state in which the preparative portion is connected to a first trap column out of the plurality of trap columns and in which the two-dimensional analysis column is connected to a second trap column out of the plurality of trap columns, and

a state in which the preparative portion is connected to the second trap column out of the plurality of trap columns and in which the two-dimensional analysis column is connected to the first trap column out of the plurality of trap columns. The liquid chromatography apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein an inside diameter of the two-dimensional analysis column is 0.03-0.3 mm.

4. (withdrawn): The liquid chromatography apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein an inside diameter of the two-dimensional analysis column is 0.03-0.3 mm.